

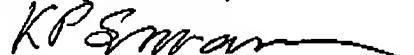
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 and 10-23 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8 and 10-23 have been allowed.

In the present document, claim 1 has been amended to clarify the claim language. Element (a) of the claim has been amended to correct a typographic error.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due for the amendments herein and to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 (584-28566-US)

Respectfully submitted,



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